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of the Resettlement Administration and collaborating offices  
and agencies.)

Legislatures - Regular Session

Tennessee adjourned May 21      Texas adjourned May 22

Legislatures now in Special Session

Arizona                      Minnesota                      Texas

Legislatures now in Regular Session

California	Massachusetts	New Hampshire
Connecticut	Michigan	New Jersey
Florida	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Illinois		Wisconsin

II. STATE LEGISLATION

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Illinois. H. B. 954. Mr. Keller.

To create a State Recreational Park Board (body corporate and politic)  
of 3 members appointed by the Governor for the purpose of acquiring,  
improving and maintaining State recreational parks.

To Parks and Playgrounds Committee, May 19.

LAND USE

Maryland. H. B. 518. Mr. Clark.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the pur-  
pose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and con-  
trolling soil erosion. This Bill is similar to the Standard Soil Con-  
servation Act of the Department of Agriculture. The State Committee  
is under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture. All property  
owned by the districts is tax exempt, and there is no Board of Adjust-  
ment.

Approved May 28.

Nebraska. Bill No. 553. Mr. Norton.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Bill is similar to the Standard Act of the Department of Agriculture. There are, however, no enforcement provisions for land use regulations. Funds are available from a Soil Conservation Fund, and in subsequent years there is to be annual appropriations as necessary.

Approved May 18.

#### PLANNING

Florida. S. B. 588. Mr. Graham.

To enable the Board of County Commissioners of any county having a population of not less than 180,000 at the last state census to zone outside the limits of municipalities for the purpose of regulating and restricting the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures on land and water, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, the use of land for junk yards and automobile trailer camps, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, and other specific uses. It is provided that the majority of the members of the Zoning Commission shall be appointed from the County Planning Council, in case such a body exists; that the Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by the Governor; and that the County Engineer or other employee of the County Board may be designated to administer the zoning regulations. Violations are punishable by a fine of not over \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both; and the County Board is authorized to appropriate not exceeding \$10,000 yearly for carrying out the purposes of the Act. Otherwise, the Bill substantially follows the "Standard State Zoning Enabling Act" of the Department of Commerce.

Approved May 20.

#### PUBLIC LANDS

California. S. B. 554. Mr. Fletcher.

To authorize the Director of Natural Resources to acquire land for forestry purposes and enter into agreements with the Federal Government for the acquisition of such lands desirable for state forests. This Act is to take advantage of the "Fulmer Act" (46 Stat. 963, P. L. 395 - 74th Congress).

Approved May 15.

#### REAL PROPERTY

Florida. S. B. 835. Mr. Rose.

To amend the law regulating Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen. This Bill recodifies and clarifies the existing law.

To Judiciary "A", May 13.

Nebraska. Bill No. 572. Mr. John Adams.

To create housing authorities in cities and counties for the purpose of providing dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. The property of such authorities, including securities, is declared to be exempt from taxation and assessments, but the housing authorities are authorized to make payments upon agreement with local political subdivisions in lieu of taxes.

Approved May 18.

Pennsylvania. H. B. 646. Mr. Patterson.

To provide for the creation of limited dividend housing companies for the purpose of eliminating unsanitary and dangerous housing conditions in cooperation with the Federal Government.

Approved May 18.

#### TAXATION

Florida. H. B. 1378. Mr. Morrer.

Owners of land may redeem them from delinquent taxes and tax sales by paying 10% of the amount necessary to redeem in full for 1930 and prior years and 25% for 1931 to 1936 and full taxes for 1937. However, this applies only to tax certificates now held by the State.

To Committee on Finance and Taxation.

H. A. Hockley

